## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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§	Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-2463
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## MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT AGAINST DEFENDANT JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCATION

Plaintiff Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC ("Plaintiff" or "Ocwen") files this its *Motion for*Default Judgment Against Defendant JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association and respectfully shows as follows:

I.

- 1. Plaintiff is Ocwen. Defendants are Janet Hudson-Jones and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association ("Defendants").
- 2. Plaintiff filed its Original Complaint against Defendants on July 17, 2018. (ECF Document No. 1.)
- 3. Defendant JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association ("JPMorgan") was served with a copy of the Original Complaint via personal service on July 31, 2018. (See ECF Document No. 8).
- 4. JPMorgan's answer or other response to the Original Complaint was due on or before August 21, 2018. FED. R. CIV. P. 12(a)(1)(A)(i).
  - 5. JPMorgan has not answered or otherwise appeared in this action.

6. The court clerk may enter default against a party who has not filed a responsive

pleading or otherwise defended a suit. FED. R. CIV. P. 55(a); N.Y. Life Ins. Co. v. Brown, 84 F.3d

137, 141 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1996).

7. Ocwen has requested that the Clerk of this Court enter default against JPMorgan

because it did not file responsive pleadings within 21 days after service of the Original

Complaint. See FED. R. CIV. P. 12(a)(1)(A)(i). JPMorgan has not otherwise attempted to defend

against the Original Complaint. See FED. R. CIV. P. 55.

8. Ocwen meets the requirements for obtaining an entry of default from the clerk as

demonstrated by the Declaration of Mark D. Cronenwett attached hereto as Exhibit A and

incorporated by reference for all purposes.

9. Defendant JPMorgan is not on active duty military status. See Exhibit A.

10. Ocwen is entitled to an entry of default as to JPMorgan because it did not answer

or otherwise defend the Original Complaint.

11. Ocwen is filing its Plaintiff's Request for Clerk's Entry of Default as to Defendant

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association concurrently with this motion.

12. Ocwen now asks the Court to render default judgment against Defendant

JPMorgan.

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13. The Court should render a default judgment against Defendant JPMorgan because

it did not file responsive pleadings or otherwise defend the claims against it. Such default

constitutes an admission by Defendant of all allegations in Plaintiff's Original Complaint. Thus,

Ocwen is entitled to a default judgment on liability and damages. With regard to the issue of

damages, Ocwen does not seek monetary damages against Defendant JPMorgan, but instead

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seeks a declaratory judgment that JPMorgan's lien on the subject real property located at 709

Luella Avenue, Deer Park, Texas 77536 is released and extinguished. Therefore, no hearing is

necessary to establish the amount of Ocwen's damages.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Ocwen prays that this Court enter a default

judgment against Defendant JPMorgan on all claims against it in Ocwen's Original Complaint,

and award Ocwen the following relief:

1. a declaratory judgment that Defendant JPMorgan's lien on the Property, pursuant

to a deed of trust filed in the real property records of Harris County, Texas under

Document No. P272629, is released and extinguished; and

2. any other relief to which the Court deems Ocwen is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that I have caused a copy of the foregoing to be delivered to the following as indicated below on September 12, 2018.

# Via regular US Mail

Janet Hudson-Jones 709 Luella Avenue Deer Park, Texas 77536

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